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Natural Gas in Wheeling.

The city should be fair to the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia, fair to the Manufacturers' Company and fair to its own people. The Manufacturers' company wishes to be allowed to enlarge its market by supplying fuel-gas to business houses as well as to the manufacturing establishments which it now furnishes.

The West Virginia company objects on the ground that it has an exclusive franchise which bars the other company out of the privilege it asks, and that it has paid well for its exclusive franchise. It is very improbable that the exclusive franchise would stand an assault on it.

As to the price paid, that is in gas furnished to the city without charge. Not so much is furnished as in earlier days of the company's operations in this city. The amount furnished has been considerably reduced. But that does not touch the real point.

If the interest of Wheeling from the point of view of its business life demands that two companies instead of one shall furnish natural gas here, then it would be better to give up so much as remains of the free gas supply to the city direct and let business have what it wants. For that matter the city and the West Virginia company may as well open their eyes to the fact that the exclusive grant is a delusion, throw down the bars to free competition, and let business houses and private houses buy gas from either company they please.

With this should go the privilege of selling gas at any price the people are willing to pay for it. If the price goes too high we have some coal deposits that will last us a few generations. Our coal will be a pretty good check on the gas companies.

Mr. Bryan shot a doe out in Missouri. But there is a liddle buck over in Ohio that he couldn't bring down.

What Spain Won't Do.

A very circumstantial story from Chicago tells of large purchases by Mexico of war material for very early delivery. The understanding is that Mexico looks for Spain to open war on the United States and to try to seize Mexico as a base of operations. If this be Mexico's idea, which is very doubtful, she gives Spain credit for a desperate boldness which she does not possess.

Spain try to whip Cuba, Mexico and the United States at the same time! She has been nearly two years trying to whip the least of these, and she has desolated more homes in Spain than she has in Cuba. In case of war with the United States Spain would find it very convenient to have a base of operations in Mexico, but she would find it impossible to hold an inch of Mexican territory.

The moment the first Spaniard landed in Mexico that country and our own would become allies against Spain, and before the end of a week our boys in blue would be blowing the Spaniards back into the sea.

Spain may feel that she would like to rap us for our sympathy with Cuba, but she will do a power of thinking before she makes war on us, and she will think still longer before she marshals Mexico on our side. Mexico is a power that Spain cannot pick up and spank at her pleasure.

Now that Senator Hill has time to look over the field of carnage he must regret that he permitted himself to be left high and dry with no chance to float off.

The President-Elect's First Work.

There seems to be an impression that as soon as a man is elected President of the United States he begins to pick out a man for every place to be filled, or that could be filled anew, under his administration. He is supposed to have all the places spread out before him and to set to work to fill them before he takes time to give thanks for the opportunity to amuse himself in this way.

To say that this is not what a President-elect does, that he does not even select his cabinet in the first week after his election, may be resented as a reflection on the chosen chief of a great party and the coming head of a great government. But so it is, and it is better that it is so. It is important to put in office good men, but that is not so important as for the President to get well started in his own high office.

Senator Blackburn's idea is that he must hold a public place or perish miserably. Such a thing as trying to adorn a private station has not entered his head. His latest thought is to run for governor of Kentucky.

Lost in a Great City.

Frank P. Aronche, chairman of the Democratic committee of Colorado, went to New York for the election and early one morning was found dead under mysterious circumstances. It is known that he had been making a saloon tour and exhibited a large roll of money in a part of the city where money is very attractive to the kind of people who loaf around there at night.

While the case is being worked on by the police, and no matter how Mr. Ar-

buckle may have come to his end, there is a moral for persons who visit large cities. It is better not to make a round of the saloons at all, better to keep in respectable neighborhoods, better to show no more money at any time than is absolutely necessary. In every great city are men looking for just such visitors.

Money and life are not nearly so safe in a great city as among the mountains of West Virginia.

Specific Instead of Ad Valorem Duties.

There is one feature of a tariff bill, whether for revenue only or for protection, on which all parties should agree, and that is that specific duties are far preferable to ad valorem duties. A specific duty is so much on the pound, yard, dozen or piece. An ad valorem duty is so much on the declared value.

It is clear that a specific duty cannot be dodged and that an ad valorem duty can be. Where a specific duty is levied the treasury is certain of all that belongs to it. Where the duty is on the declared value the amount to be collected depends in large measure on the swearing of the parties interested in the importation.

Whether revenue only or revenue and protection be the aim it is good business to legislate so as to reduce to a minimum the possibility of fraud. There is probably not an ad valorem duty that is not evaded.

The Wilson-Gorman bill would have produced more revenue than it does if it had not been for the insane determination to substitute ad valorem for specific duties where it was possible to do that. No better way could have been found to punch holes in the tariff law.

A Delaware man went to church in payment of an election bet. Since Gattman Addicks took hold there they have been doing all sorts of queer things in Delaware.

It Counts.

Mr. S. S. Bloch is in receipt of a letter from a business man of high standing, who says of West Virginia: "I predict great prosperity for your state, for capital will have no fear of investing in a state that has spoken so unqualifiedly for the nation's integrity." This sort of thing counts in the business world.

When Chairman Butler, of the Populist national committee, was helping Mr. Bryan to be defeated things were not going well with his own newspaper down in North Carolina. There was a sort of United States treasury deficiency without the ability to float bonds to keep things moving. Now the sheriff is editing Chairman Butler's newspaper and, being inexperienced, has failed to get out this week's number. And Mr. Bryan is declining big offers and amusing himself with the joys of the chase. Chairman Butler must feel the discrimination of fate.

In a copy of The Two Republics, published in the city of Mexico, high grade bicycles are offered at \$250 each. In this country the same wheel sells for \$100. This country is on the gold basis. Mexico is on the silver basis. Here men who work for wages ride their wheels to their work. In Mexico the men who work for wages are glad to get enough to eat. No, Mexico is not a better country than this country for the working man.

A poor French girl just arrived in New York in the hope of earning a living for herself and an invalid father, fell into the hands of bad people. Her case got into the newspapers, and somebody in Philadelphia sent the New York Herald \$100 for the girl's benefit. Not all the hearts in this world are of stone. There is much evil, but there is more good. Thank God for that.

The world's estimated consumption of sugar is estimated at 7,000,000 tons a year. Of this cane sugar represents about a third, beet sugar about two-thirds. How much of this goes into best-girl candy is not known.

STATE PRESS.

Should Hold Their Peace.

Grafton Sentinel: Bryan is still arguing for free silver. Since the American people set down on his hobby so hard recently, it would look more modest if Mr. Bryan would hold his peace for awhile, and see whether the present standard of money does not work out all right. The Republicans will soon be running things and business has always been prosperous under their rule. Bryan and free silver are not now in order.

Will Be All Right.

Weston World: The opposition are doing more worrying over the probable make-up of President McKinley's cabinet than the Republicans are. Republicans know that Major McKinley's wide experience in Congress and his extensive acquaintance with members of the party in all sections of the country make it well-nigh impossible for him to make any mistakes in selecting his cabinet, consequently they are perfectly satisfied with the outlook and there is no doubt that they will be equally as well satisfied with the cabinet when it is announced.

Plenty of Gold.

Romney Intelligencer (sound money Dem.): Some of our free silver orators will have to alter their speeches before 1900. They told us during the campaign that if we had all the known gold in the world and were to add to that quantity all that the oceans contained, we would have but a few dollars per capita. Professor Liversidge, of the University of Sydney, Australia, has discovered that in each ton of salt water, there is in solution one-half grain of gold. At this rate one cubic mile of sea water would contain about \$5,000,000 worth of gold. There are on the globe 300,000 cubic miles of sea water. Then according to Professor Liversidge, there is in solution in the oceans and seas of the earth, \$1,500,000,000,000,000 of gold or more than \$1,000,000 for each man, woman and child in the world.

Only a Mile Post.

Huntington Herald (Pop.): Have the people read Coxey's proclamation? He calls for a conference of Populists to meet next January at St. Louis. He demands the demonetization of gold as well as silver—wants straight paper fiat money with all malaries regulated by the price of wheat. Bryanism is only a mile post to Coxeyism—Coxeyism one to communism.

Slandering the People.

What the Hammites could not steal they bought. There is no doubt, whatever, and we say this in all earnestness, that the will of the people is not represented by the returns of the election. Millions upon millions of dollars were spent in the corruption, not only of voters, but election officials in every close state. And it was this board that did the work and not the votes of the people.—Wheeling Register (Popocrat).

The above is an outrageous slander on the American people and shows what the Register would do if it could.—Romney Intelligencer (Dem.).

A Good Example.

Terra Alta Oracle (Rep.): Some time ago President-elect McKinley was asked to attend a big torch-light procession and a raffle meeting. He declined the invitation, stating at the present period of hard times it would be far bet-

ter to take the large amount of money necessary to make the celebration a success and distribute it among the poor and suffering. Were all men of the same mind a world of good would be accomplished as a sequel to a great election in which great questions figured.

They Get Notice.

Grafton Leader (Popocrat): The New York World advises the Democratic party to "not bother again." The World went with what was called the gold Democrats and they elected McKinley. Now they want to sneak back into the Democratic party. Oh, no, gentlemen, just stay where you are. There are no gold advocates in the Democratic party and none need apply for membership. If you were to stay at the "mournful bench" of Democracy until you were the knees of your punts out you would not be forgiven. Just wear your gold bugs and badges, and walk in Republican parades, for Democrats have you spotted and you can never enter a Democratic caucus.

How It Benefits Us.

Parkersburg Journal (Rep.): No state will feel the benefits of protection quicker than ours. Moreover, it will not be necessary to wait until Congress revises the tariff bill to see evidence of certain prosperity, for the very act of recording West Virginia so decisively and so magnificently for protection, will inspire sufficient confidence in men who have money to invest. They are looking for safe places to invest their money, and now they know they need look no farther than West Virginia.

Chairman Dawson.

Tyler Gazette (Rep.): Governor Atkinson could not do a more handsome thing, or make a better appointment, than to appoint Hon. William M. Dawson secretary of state. Mr. Dawson deserves well of his party. He has been an untiring worker for years, and to his skillful, energetic management of this year's battle in the state we in a large measure owe our magnificent victory. Nothing that could be done to ensure success escaped his notice. He in every way qualified and suited for the responsible position of secretary of state. He is in hearty accord with our new chief executive, and we hope to see him receive the appointment.

QUESTION OF FAIR PLAY.

Free Silver Democratic Organ Accepts the Result Gracefully.

St. Louis Republic (Free Silver Dem.): It is not to be doubted that the Republicans in Congress are entitled to the control of legislation without any obstructive opposition. The people have declared by an unprecedented majority in favor of the application of the principles and policies of the St. Louis platform to the work of restoring the prosperity of the country. This decision is binding upon all parties. The Republican victory was honestly won, after one of the most vigorous and exciting campaigns in our history, and it is the duty of those who were beaten to accept the situation in good faith. It is a question of fair play, of giving the victors the opportunity to put their doctrines and purposes to a practical test. If they are right, then the times will improve and everybody will be benefited; and if they are wrong, then the political advantage will go to the other side, and the popular judgment will be reversed at the next election. This is the theory of our system of government. The verdict of a majority of the people carries with it the idea that the thing decided upon shall have a just and reasonable trial. All kinds of factious and spiteful proceedings thus become in a sense unpatriotic, and there is no justification or excuse for them.

The Republicans ask in this instance only the chance to show what they can do for the promotion of the general welfare, and to stand or fall by their success or failure in that respect. It is gratifying to observe that several of those who have heretofore figured as obstructionists are now disposed to pursue a better course. Congressman Newlands, one of the free silver leaders, says he is opposed to placing any obstacles in the path of the Republicans so far as legislation is concerned; and Senator Peffer says: "Let them have full swing, and then it will be easy to fix the responsibility." The Republicans are entirely willing to take the responsibility. They have perfect faith in the soundness and efficiency of the plan by which they propose to make the country prosperous, as it used to be when they were in power. It is their right to expect from their opponents the unembarrassed use of the facilities for the enforcement of the will of the people. They are willing to have their measures thoroughly discussed, and to observe all reasonable rules for the protection of minorities. It is not their desire to do anything in an arbitrary or unpatriotic way, but only to have the privilege of carrying out the wishes of those whom they represent, without any of that parliamentary antagonism which blocks the wheels of legislation, and makes it impossible for the majority to take decisive action.

Another Relative.

"The Cuban insurgents stole another march on Weyler yesterday." "What was that?" "They spilled six barrels of ink out of his ammunition wagon."—Philadelphia American.

Why?

Willie—Mamma, don't they say that history repeats itself, don't they? Mother—Yes, dear. "Well, why don't it repeat itself when I'm trying to learn it?"—Roxbury Gazette.

Feet of Clay.

Louise Belts Edwards in Harper's Magazine.

I burned my heart as incense night and day.

Before a shrine where scorners turned away.

Upward I gazed, and only dared to see The glorious face that showed a god to me.

I kissed the garment's hem That swept about the feet and covered them.

But now, unhalloved, where the robe aside, "Behold thine idol!" mocking voices cried: "He whose wings flight thy blind embrace would carry!"

Hath feet—ah, heart!—of clay?"

Pass, bitter heart! the smile of scorn is mine.

To clasp the feet, whom still I deem divine. What if the touch of earth, its base desires, lie dress unpurged in passion's fires, Cling to the feet I kiss?"

Oh, light were love to forfeit faith for this! What loss were his, what woe! gain were mine.

If from that sun-and-star-illumined shrine One heart's poor candle I should take away—

I, who am all of clay?"

Happily our homages had not seemed so dear; Happily he had not sought a temple here; Nor in his service had I known such joy. But for the mingling of that earth-alloy! I could have loved him, but I could not love him.

What larger love hath he than prison duty? May I not rise from these unquenched floods?

To challenge eternal kinship with the gods? To gladden stature grow, though bearing—

—him—the print of clay?"

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A STRANGE CASE.

How Did an Intelligent State Come to Elect Such a Demagogue?

New York Evening Post: The most expressive way of describing John R. Rogers, who has just been elected governor of Washington by the Populists, is to say that he lived in Kansas for a dozen years before going to the Pacific coast, and was universally recognized as one of the greatest cranks ever bred in that state. In fact, there is the testimony of a man who was elected to Congress from Kansas by the Populists in 1894 that the result was due largely to his "blood and manly stand and unceasing work." The platform on which Rogers ran is found in "The Irrepressible Conflict," a book which embodies his ideas of free government, and society. The author declares that "at the present time the people of the United States confront a world-wide and world-long evil, of far greater magnitude than chattel slavery was—the private monopoly of money"; that "the bar, the bench, and pulpit have become, with some notable and soul-rejoicing exceptions, mere millions registering the ideas of a corrupt government, and a corrupt society." The author declares that "at the present time the people of the United States confront a world-wide and world-long evil, of far greater magnitude than chattel slavery was—the private monopoly of money"; that "the bar, the bench, and pulpit have become, with some notable and soul-rejoicing exceptions, mere millions registering the ideas of a corrupt government, and a corrupt society." 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